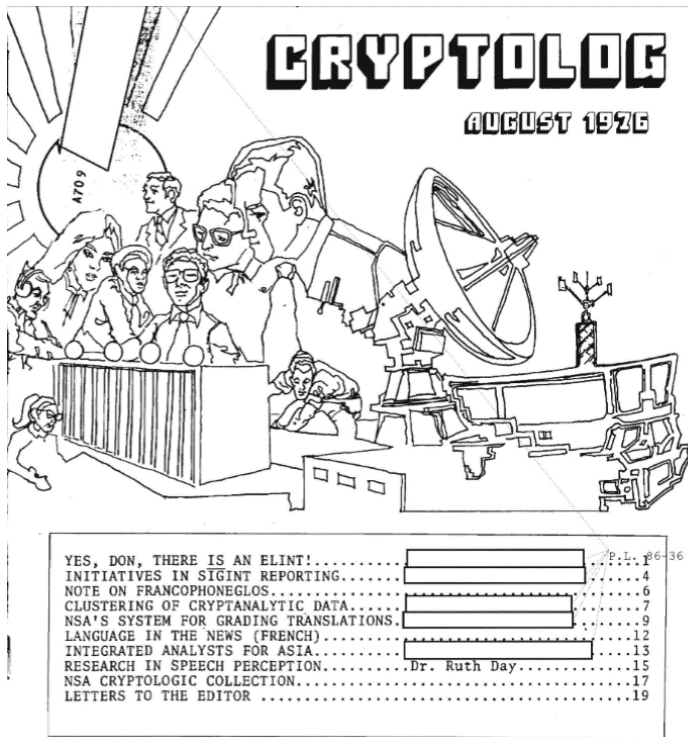


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While whiffing through an August 1976 issue of the former Agency periodical, *Cryptolog* (1974-1997), the CCH stumbled across an item that, if correct, shows how much education NSA needed to do.

John Kenneth Galbraith,* then U.S. ambassador to India, was in Toronto to receive an honorary degree. As he recalled in his memoir, *Ambassador's Journal* (Houghton Mifflin, 1969), "I had asked that a certain cable from Washington to New Delhi be relayed to me through our

consulate in Toronto. Consular aides brought the coded message out to me at the airport—a mass of numbers. There were no facilities for decoding so I asked how they managed. They said when something arrived in code, they phoned Washington and had the original message read to them."

To which *Cryptolog* commented, "Oh? Really?"

And the CCH adds, "Hmm!!!"

*Galbraith was a prestigious Canadian-born economist, academic, public official, and diplomat who served as President John F. Kennedy's ambassador to India (1961-1963). The honorary degree mentioned above probably refers to the degree given to him from the University of Toronto in 1961.

Sources: August 1976 *Cryptolog*; background information on Galbraith from Wikipedia.

508 caption: the cover of the August 1976 *Cryptolog*, which has the journal's logo, an excerpt from the mural drawing in the Headquarters building, and a table of contents; some of the article titles and authors names are blanked out. This cover came from the declassified version on www.nsa.gov.